

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
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Christmas Joy Offering***
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Kinship Care Resource Center**
Local Benevolences (Pastor's Discretion)*

Mission Haven (PW)***
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

Forest Park Ministers Association*
Securus House (PW)***
Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
Shared Mission - PC (USA)*
Souper Bowl of Caring**
The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: *For the benefit of the congregation, please try to give announcements to Cindy before Wednesday. When that doesn't work, please write them down for the Pulpit Assistant or come to a microphone to speak. Your consideration is appreciated.*

Welcome

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

December 11, 2022

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord’s Day
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy**

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his holy name.

The Lord is our strength and salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and salvation. Hallelujah!

From Isaiah 12

Let us worship the Lord.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We are preparing ourselves for the coming days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

We light this candle as a sign of joy for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Let us walk in the light of the Lord with joy for all of God’s children.

*** Opening Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

No. 271

Call to Confession

Jim Simpson, Liturgist

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (All Sing)

“O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.”

Call for the Offering

The Lord has given us so much. Let us praise the Lord through our gifts for the uplifting of God’s kingdom.

Offering

The First Noel/Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring

Trad./J.S. Bach arr T. Smith

*** Doxology (All Sing)**

“O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”

First Reading

James 5:7-10

Second Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon

The Desert Blooms

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

How Great Our Joy

*** Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that in the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways. We believe, as did the Apostles, that God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom God made the universe. We believe the Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. We believe that he has provided purification for sins and that he sits at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

*** Gloria Patri**

Glorify Thy Name (v.1)

No. 9

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*** Benediction Hymn**

Joy To The World!

No. 270

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response (All Sing)**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME! We are so thankful you chose to worship with us. We hope your worship today will be meaningful. We encourage you to participate in all aspects of our congregational life, and invite you to become part of our Christian family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join with us.

MEMBERSHIP – Please speak with an Elder or the Pastor if you would like to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or if you would like to become a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Safety Protocols:

1. Hand sanitizer is available for use.
2. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.
3. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask, please do so.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 09:30am – Sunday School
 11:00am – Worship Service
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday 11:30am – **Craft Group Christmas Party @ Meridian Club House**

Saturday 03:00pm – **Christmas Concert with cookie reception to follow**

Next Sunday 09:00am – *Christmas Breakfast with Secur'us House Gifts*
 10:45am - *Card Distribution*

PLEASE NOTE: Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up to help save in postage. Begin using them the 1st Sunday in January. **Thank You**



MORROW FOOD PANTRY: We are continuing to collect plastic grocery bags for the food bank to use. Place them in the narthex in the bin provided.

Saturday, December 17—Christmas Concert—3:00pm
A cookie reception will follow



TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

- 11/13 Dinah Bingham – dealing with arrhythmia, still having problems, changed medication
- 11/13 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) –immunotherapy for lung cancer
- 10/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from additional procedure on knee
- 10/16 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – prostate cancer and shingles
- 10/16 Willie Smith – recovering from leg amputation
- 11/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now

OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTIONS: We will again this year, be gathering Christmas Cards for our PPC family that will be here in December. Bring in a gift bag (the size of most cards) with your or your family's name on it. Bring in your Christmas Cards for Church members who attend regularly and we will sort them out and hand deliver them during before/after service on December 18. The postage your save can be donated to Philadelphia. **TODAY** is the last day to turn them in for sorting.



Community Outreach - The Babb Project: FOR CHRISTMAS: We are collecting hats, gloves, & scarves for the students. There are 5 girls and 6 boys involved. We would need these items by TODAY. Thank you, **Community Outreach**

CRAFT GROUP: The annual **Craft Group Christmas Party** will be Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 am, in the Meridian Subdivision Club House, Stockbridge. This is a covered dish lunch and the husbands and/or boyfriends of the members are invited. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call, text or email Barbara Barlow if you plan to attend.



Christmas Breakfast – Secur'us House Gifts – Community Missions
December 18 will be our annual Christmas Breakfast. The congregation is asked to bring breakfast dishes to share with others. Session will provide juice & coffee. Each year we ask, if you are able, to bring a suggested gift for the children spending their Christmas at Secur'us House, Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Suggestions are listed in your December Crossroads. Thank you, **Community Missions**